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WEATHER REPORT.

Oregon and Washington—Fair; not so warm in interior of the Western portion; continued warm in eastern portion.
 Idaho—Fair, continued warm.

A COMMUNAL INVESTMENT.

When a community makes an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars for fine school buildings, creates and pays out heavy annual funds for the equipment and maintenance of those buildings, taxes itself generously to pay adequate wage to clever teachers of its young, the only interest accruing to that community is the splendid mental development of its children, their investiture with the adaptable advantages and graces of an education that is to serve them (in part, and fundamentally) through life. The increment is ample always, in this day of progressive educational work; no one underestimates its value, nor disparages the return on the original, and the protracted, investment; the supreme fact remains, therefore, that every phase of the popular contract must be carried out to the letter; no part of it may be safely disregarded, either on the part of the contracting people or on that of its agents.

The teachers are the agents, from the superintendent down to the man or woman handling the primary grades. The board of directors is but the intermediary between the taxpayer and this especial department of public business; all orders and all policies must come from the people; and it is no less the duty of the directorate to obey the popular mandate than for the teacher to obey the school laws, or for the child to observe the discipline set up by the teacher. The entire system is retroactive, and failure, anywhere along the line of prescribed procedure, causes friction, and defeats the organic principle for which the schools stand.

This is the popular conception of the relations borne by the several elements involved. There is no phase of public concern so sensitive to disruptive influences as the school system, and none that should be more carefully administered. If the people believe that they should pay a better salary to the teacher and make provision so to do and publicly declare the policy, the decision becomes fiat and must be carried to its logical conclusion. There is no appeal save by, and to, the people, no matter who may dispute or contest it.

For our part, we believe the teachers of Astoria and Clatsop should receive the best limit of current wage in the business; and so far as the people of the city and county are concerned, this feeling is almost unanimous. They constitute one of the admirable administrative bodies of the public service, and individually, rank with the best in the State, in point of personal qualities and qualifications and readiness to do their full and final duty by the children entrusted to them.

One of the real impediments to progress, now-a-days, is the fact, that most of us are so profoundly absorbed in our own pursuits and interests, that we fail too often to examine into, and gauge, the excellence of things and people about us, and for which, as electors and sponsors, we are directly responsible. The schools and the teachers are not the least of these.

JACK, THE JUDGE.

Uncle Sam is about to expend a few hundred thousand dollars, in his annual outlay for tobacco for the men of the navy, and he has called in the sailor-man, himself, to act as judge of the quality of the weed he is to smoke and chew for another year. This is wisdom. There is no better judge on earth in such a premise. He is the one to whom the real thing in tobacco means the most, and it may be safely conceded he will get the best and strongest and blackest and most enduring leaf on the world's market. Apropos, of this, the writer recalls an incident that happened in the Pacific a score or more years ago that bears aptly on the subject: The old U. S. S. Saranac was coming home from the South Seas, to San Francisco, when one morning early she sighted an old lumber drougner headed for the "Horn" and flying all signals of distress known to the marine code. The Saranac's engines were stopped, the whale-boat called away, and sent speeding to the ship in trouble. As the naval officer in charge went over the side of the foreigner, he was met at the gangway by a frowsy old captain and a bunch of ship-officers, all armed to the teeth, and evidently holding a crew of twenty men in very questionable subjection. Mutiny was apparently rampant. The first word spoken by the frantic master of the ship was "Got in Himmel, Sir, can you save dis ship mit some tobacco? Ve cooms from Hong Kong mitout a case, und dese mens is gone crazy mit de want of it." In another half hour twenty cases of good "old navy" were tumbled over the side of the merchantman, and the ships parted amid the cheers of both crews that knew the exact exigency of that hour better than any people on earth. Jack is a competent judge, alright!

ASTORIA ABROAD.

This is the season, and the sort of weather, in which Astoria may safely challenge the world to find a more beautiful and congenial spot for resort purposes. Day by day through the years this city is becoming better known and appreciated and is more firmly fixed in her lodgment upon the map of the Northwest. People are beginning to appreciate the fact that there is more to Astoria than the mere old-time name the Portland and the in-State press bestowed upon her; that she has business, and does business; that she is a modern, lively, ambitious, progressive city, with all the elements for winning and holding and achieving, and able to account for herself in the swing of events and the movement of people. Astoria abroad, as at home, is a vastly different place, in the popular estimate, from what it was reputed to be by our unfriendly neighbors some years ago. Old standards fall as time and people and cities forge ahead into new alignments and relations to commerce and society; and Astoria is no exception to the rule.

FOUNTAINS FOR SCHOOLS.

The problem of furnishing drinking water in public schools has long been a bone of contention among boards of education and school commissioners all over the country. It is conceded that the use of a cup or glass is unsanitary and that germs of disease are often transmitted by one pupil to others by this method. Probably the best remedy is the flowing pedestal fountain, which practically eliminates the possibility of the trans-

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MAINE FOREST LAW

Legislature Takes Hold to Protect the Public

TREES STOP SOIL EROSION

Forest Owner May be Restrained From Denuding Hill-sides to Such a Degree as to Send Down on Lands of His Neighbors the Soil Wash.

PORTLAND, Me., June 30.—

In holding that the legislature has a constitutional right to pass laws regulating the cutting of timber on private lands, if the cutting is liable to be detrimental to the public welfare, the judges of the Maine Supreme Court handed down an opinion of great importance to the owners of forest land in that state, and of interest to land owners in all parts of the country.

The opinion refers particularly to the cutting of small timber which should be left growing to give a forest cover which will conserve the water and lessen flood ravages and prevent or diminish soil erosion and consequent filling up of the rivers and lakes. The judges specifically state that regulations of that kind cannot be construed as the taking of private property for public use, and that the state need not pay for young growth which it may forbid the owner to cut.

This was not a court decision, for no case was before the court for review, but a formal opinion prepared at the request of the senate for the guidance of the legislature in the enactment of laws to regulate forests and protect the interests of the public. Similar questions have come up in other states and may be expected to come up in the future.

In the proposition which the Maine senate submitted to the judges for their opinion it was stipulated that a law should not be enacted which for agricultural, mining or manufacturing purposes, or for building sites, or pleasure grounds. The purpose is to forbid the total stripping of forest land where a forest cover is necessary to prevent the wash of the soil, the lessening of flood ravages, and the mitigation of drought, and where the public good requires that such cover be preserved.

In submitting their opinion the judges cited numerous examples of legislation restraining property holders from using their property in such a way as to endanger the public welfare. A man may not erect a dangerous building on his city lot because it would imperil or damage the property of others. For the same reason, a forest owner may be restrained from denuding his hill-sides to such a degree as to send down upon the lands of his neighbor the soil wash to cover their meadows, choke their streams, and injure them in their rightful use and enjoyment of property. It was declared that there is nothing in the constitution of the United States or in that of the state of Maine prohibiting the enforcement of a forest law of that kind.

Maine's greatest wealth is in its forests—directly or indirectly. In several ways it has been a pioneer in forest legislation and management. It is one of the few states—probably the only state—whose forests are nearly holding their own. Lumbering has gone on there for a long time, and every year there is something ready to cut. The folly of stripping land and leaving it defenseless against erosion is well understood in Maine, and the legislature has taken the preliminary steps towards a law to compel unwilling forest land owners to leave enough small timber and brush on the ground to cover it.

LOST STUDENT FOUND

Indian Runner Brings Word That Youth Is Found By Indian Tribe.

FRESNO, Cal., June 30.—From word brought by an Indian runner, it appears there is a possibility that Kenneth Archibald the collage student who has been lost in the high Sierras for several days, has wandered in a half starved condition to Paradise Valley and is being cared for by an Indian woman in that almost deserted place.

The runner arrived from the Paradise Valley country last night and told of a white man having wandered into the camp of the Indians and being very weak, and too ill to talk. The Indian is one of the runners who went with a searching party several days ago. He left the party to make a side-trip of investigation. He can speak English but brokenly, and a party will start to-day to investigate his story.

13,000 VOLTS ELECTRICITY

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NEW YORK, June 30.—James Gillies, an employe of the public service power house of New York is in St. Michaels hospital, Newark recovering from an electric shock.

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